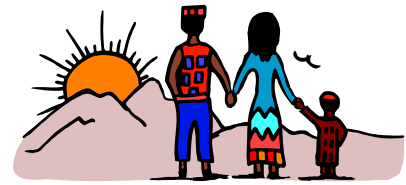


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**On-line Shopping
Benefits Haiti Project**

The Haiti Project partners with 2 online shopping networks that allow people to shop online from hundreds of stores-- Barnes & Noble, Borders, J. C. Penney and many more -- where when you buy something, a percentage of the price ranging from 2% to 6% will be credited to the Haiti Project without affecting the cost of your purchase.

All you have to do is register at these 2 sites:

www.Igive.com
www.Benevolink.com

www.haitiproject.org

A LETTER FROM BISHOP MILLER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christians are committed to the words of Christ found in John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” This serves as the Haiti Project’s foundation to honor God and do Christ’s work.

The Haiti Project – an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee – began working in collaboration with a small mountain community, Jeannette, in the early 80’s. Last spring, I wrote asking for your immediate support during a food crisis, and you answered a resounding: YES! We’ll help!

I’m writing now to ask for your continued support.

In that spirit, I’m asking that parishes serve Haiti Project coffee during the fellowship hour and that coffee-drinking parishioners buy their annual coffee supply from our new coffee initiative called Singing Rooster. Buying a product you’d normally purchase anyway will support Haitian farmers - including those in Jeanette; in essence, you’re becoming an economic partner - helping the Jeannette community become self-sufficient. For those of you who don’t normally buy coffee, coffee makes a wonderful gift!

I thank you in advance for your continued support and for your prayers for the people of St. Marc’s in Jeannette.

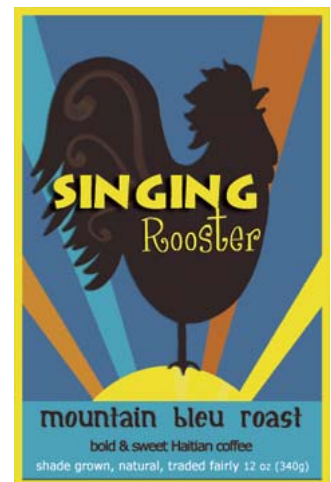
Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller
Bishop of Milwaukee

The Haiti Project is now selling Haitian coffee we’ve named Singing Rooster after the Bishop’s favorite alarm clock: Big Red. By purchasing your annual coffee through the Haiti Project, you’re not just buying something you’d get anyway, you’re investing in the economic development of a nation whose people struggle.

The Haiti Project partners with Fair Traders who also believe sharing makes the world a better place. Purchasing Singing Rooster coffee supports Haitian farmers including those living in Jeannette—beans come from grower coops.

100% of proceeds go BACK to Haiti for economic sustainability — like coffee agriculture.



To Order Singing Rooster Coffee – turn over newsletter

ONE DEDICATED WOMAN!

Elizabeth Hoffman is no ordinary person. She races—like crazy! Whenever she runs in a race, she raises funds to help others. On September 7, 2008, she raced her first (and last) Ironman race. With the help of her husband, Brian, and friends, she trained to do a race that equals going to Jeannette from Port-au-Prince and BACK! She swam for 2.4 miles for 2 hours, six minutes and twenty-one seconds (2:06:21), biked 112 miles for 7:23:55, and ran for 26.2 miles for 5:44:00. This 140.6 mile race done in 15:47:17 was all in one day! She was one of 2082 people who finished this grueling task. Dare I say that Elizabeth ran in the 50-55 year age group?



On her shirt were the names of all of her sponsors. In her pocket was a small token to remind her that God was with her. Prior to the race, Elizabeth told people about Haiti and asked for funding for each mile of the race. She is still collecting money, close to \$1700. She has never been to Haiti but would like to visit. Our gratitude goes to Elizabeth and Brian, members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dousman, for spreading the word about our work in Haiti and supporting it creatively. And our gratitude also goes to all of her supporters.

Elizabeth, you are an inspiration in more ways than one!

Mary Alice Eschweiler

Trip Reports

A hardworking group accomplished many tasks in Jeannette in February, 2008, as well as delighting the community with their first outdoor movie. Nancy Frana and Patti Brusky took 450 pictures of school children to send to sponsors. Their sons Tyler and Marcus helped Mark Frana and Steve Vuckovich put up screening to keep rodents out of the clinic while Dr. John Brusky saw patients with our Haitian nurse, Feliseme Glosse. Unfortunately with the financial problems at the Episcopal hospital in Leogane, they had nowhere to refer surgical patients as they had done in the past. The team visited a nearby public hospital in Miragoane but found it unsuitable for a surgical team.

James Melitus is the new coordinator for Gift of Water in Haiti and came to tour with the team.

This project has been very successful in providing purifiers to most families in Jeannette and the major focus now is repair of existing cisterns, which will be quite expensive.

Pere Lazard found an elderly couple wet and cold in a stick house during a storm. This couple spent several weeks in a room in the lower level of the presbytere where they were provided with food and clothes. During this trip the team built a table for them and the house was completed. As Pere blessed the house, the couple had tears streaming down their faces in grateful thanks. The group felt it was quite something to be a part of, and witness God's work in action.

Glorious Breadfruit!



With rampant food shortages in Haiti, it's important to harvest food from ALL available food sources. One such valuable source is the Breadfruit. Breadfruit is one of the highest-yielding food plants, with a single tree producing 200 fruits per season. Breadfruit is a staple in many tropical regions. Thanks to Polynesian voyagers who transported root cuttings and propagated them far outside their native range, breadfruit grow pervasively in the Caribbean. They are rich in starch, and are roasted, baked, fried, or boiled. When cooked, they taste potato-like and fresh baked bread (hence the name).

Breadfruit are roughly the size of grapefruit; tough outer shells are peeled and the fruit quartered to feed into the shredder. Once shredded, they're amenable for drying and storage.

Preservation of breadfruit was one of the main reasons our treasurer Christophe Nicaise traveled to Haiti in July. He and his wife Molly met an engineering professor from Minnesota who had challenged one of her classes to develop, build and test a hand-machine to convert breadfruit into flour as it otherwise spoils within 2-3 days of ripening. Christophe transported the finished machine and worked with many villagers to dry and process the breadfruit. He also transported a hand coffee huller purchased with the profit from last year's sale of coffee from Jeannette. Both coffee and breadfruit were previously processed laboriously by a large mortar and pestle.

Christophe also accomplished many other planning tasks including budget, healthcare for students, completion of the trade school, improved communication and launching a book program for grades 1, 2, and 3 with funds from the Bishop's discretionary fund.

Thanks American Airlines!

Just as the airline industry was launching new pricing structures for luggage to support higher fuel prices, we were planning a trip to Haiti to deliver heavy equipment that would initiate the breadfruit program. One week before his departure, Christophe visited the counters of American Airlines at the Dane County Airport. He explained he'd be traveling alone on a humanitarian trip with heavy equipment and multiple bags [filled with medicine, infant kits, vitamins, and other necessities]. Without pause, Lead Agent Michelle Keefe generously allowed all bags and equipment to travel FREE.

Next time you're at the Dane Co. airport, stop by the American Airlines counter and thank them for their kindness and generosity!



FUTURE TRIPS

Fall, 2008 — Mary Alice Eschweiler and Melanie Stewart planned to deliver school supplies and to attend the 20th anniversary celebration for the administrator Rudolphe Eloi. Cancellation of their trip was one of many unfortunate consequences of the four hurricanes that have devastated Haiti this season. An October/November trip by the Diocese of Eau Claire is also on hold due to health problems of group members. The good news is that Pere Lazard will be with us at convention while his wife and new baby daughter visit her sister in Florida.

January, 2008 — Hannah Brown is organizing a trip for college students over winter break. If interested, contact her at hbbrown@wisc.edu

November Fundraiser in Wauwautosa

What: 10th annual **AWSOME AUCTION** for Outreach -- 50% is earmarked for the Haiti Project!

Where: **TRINITY CHURCH** in Wauwautosa

When: **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**, 6:30-8:30 -- Concession Stand in the Rector's garage open from 6:30-7:30

Cost: **\$10** per person, **\$15** per couple gets you lots of good snacks, beverages & maybe a door prize

Info: Trinity Church Wauwautosa: 414-453-4540

Theme is Diamond Jubilee: wear baseball-related or other sports theme attire!

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